

### **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, after the title with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### **--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/508,573, filed March 13, 2000, by Toshiaki SUGIYAMA, Motosuke ONO and Osamu KAMADA, entitled "SHEET SURFACE TREATING AGENT AND INK-JET PRINTING PAPER" which is, in turn, a 35 U.S.C. § 371 national phase conversion of PCT/JP98/04090, filed September 10, 1998, which claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 9-262940 filed September 11, 1997.--